

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Democracy is a fragile creature. We are losing the balance and ethics necessary to preserve our democracy for our children and their children.

Sinclair's decision to run this program will do harm to their own long term best interests, to the best interests of the broadcast industry and to the interest of moderate political discourse. I am appalled by their transparent breach of a public trust.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.